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AMENDMENT TO #6

The most fundamental characteristic shared by the homeless population is extreme poverty. However, a range of secondary characteristics, such as mental illness and substance abuse, coupled with poverty, increases an individual's likelihood of becoming homeless. Mental health and substance abuse are not factors recommended for inclusion in the HUD McKinney Vento housing resources funding formula. The key to developing effective homelessness interventions is a recognition of the unique impacts of both poverty and mental illness upon homeless individuals and the communities in which they reside.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the 5-signature letter also states that the Board recognizes mental health as a critical risk factor, which makes individuals highly vulnerable to prolonged homelessness; and urges HUD to encourage communities to utilize McKinney Vento resources in a manner that comprehensively addresses the need for mental health, health and substance abuse services, in addition to a range of housing resources, to end and prevent homelessness.

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